

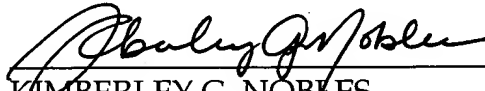
REMARKS

Applicant is submitting the present amendment to correct minor informalities in the specification and claims, and to submit additional claims for examination and consideration. Attached hereto is Exhibit A, a separate document showing amended claims in clean claim form. Applicant respectfully requests examination and consideration of the pending claims.

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EXHIBIT A

1 1. (Amended) A system to process medical information, comprising:
2 a patient identification card, said card includes at least one memory to store
3 said patient's information onto said memory of said patient identification card;
4 a card reader and writer that receives said patient identification card, said
5 card reader and writer to access said memory to provide access to said patient's
6 medical information located on memory of said patient identification card, said
7 card reader and writer having a display screen and a plurality of keys, each of said
8 plurality of keys to provide direct access to said patient's medical information;
9 a communications link;
10 a remote central database to be accessed by said card reader and writer and
11 said patient identification card via said communications link, said remote central
12 database to receive and process collective patient medical information related to
13 said patient;
14 at least one circuit coupled to said remote central database via said
15 communications link, said circuit to receive and process current medical
16 information related to said patient, said current medical information being
17 provided to said remote central database; and
18 wherein said card reader and writer further provides access to said current
19 medical information and said collective medical information located on said remote
20 central database.

1 2. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said patient
2 identification card includes a magnetic strip on the back of said patient
3 identification card.

1 3. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said card
2 reader and writer has a slot to receive said patient identification card, said card
3 reader and writer accesses said patient information on said card by reading and
4 verifying patient information located on the magnetic strip on said patient
5 identification card.

1 4. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said card
2 reader and writer further comprises a keypad for entering said patient's account
3 number.

1 5. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein wherein one of
2 said plurality of keys provides direct access to a patient's allergy information.

1 6. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's personal information.

1 7. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's current medication
3 information.

1 8. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's surgical procedure
3 information.

1 9. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's diagnosis information.

1 10. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's emergency contact
3 information.

1 11. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 keys provides direct access to said patient's insurance information.

1 12. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patient's immunizations information.

1 13. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 keys provides direct access to said patient's healthcare provider information.

1 14. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 plurality of keys provides direct access to said patients' medical history
3 information.

1 15. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein one of said
2 keys provides direct access to said patient's medical information summary.

1 16. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said
2 communication interface comprises a modem.

1 17. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said card
2 reader and writer further comprises a circuit to receive voice instruction.

1 18. (Amended) The system according to claim 17, wherein said card
2 reader and writer comprises a speech recognition circuit.